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Identical letters dated 1 December 2002 from the Permanent Representative of Iraq to the United Nations addressed to the Secretary-General and to the President of the Security Council

On instructions from my Government, I have the honour to transmit to you herewith the daily report for 1 December 2002 on the activities of the inspection teams of the United Nations Monitoring, Verification and Inspection Commission (UNMOVIC) and the International Atomic Energy Agency (IAEA) in Iraq.

I should be grateful if you would have this letter and its annex circulated as a document of the Security Council.

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Annex to the identical letters dated 1 December 2002 from the Permanent Representative of Iraq to the United Nations addressed to the Secretary-General and to the President of the Security Council

Daily report on the activities of the UNMOVIC and IAEA inspection teams in Iraq

Report of the activities carried out on 1 December 2002

The activities of the UNMOVIC and IAEA inspection teams on Sunday, 1 December 2002, were as follows:

1. The IAEA inspection team set out from its headquarters at the Canal Hotel in Baghdad at 8.30 a.m. Consisting of seven inspectors and headed by Mr. Jacques Baute, the team arrived at 8.45 a.m. at the site of the Ibn Firnas Public Company which belongs to the Military Industrialization Commission and is located in the northern suburbs of Baghdad. The Company specializes in the aeronautical industries and was included under the constant monitoring regime in the nuclear field because it contained measuring apparatus and equipment about which IAEA was concerned. Since 1996, the Company has been assigned the task of manufacturing remote-controlled reconnaissance aircraft for the armed forces.

The inspection team entered the site at 8.45 a.m. and immediately:

(a) Inspected all buildings, workshops, laboratories and storage facilities, checked the half-yearly declarations submitted in regard to the site and asked questions about the buildings under construction, to which replies were given.

(b) Made an x-ray survey of the site premises in order to detect any nuclear activity, nuclear materials or undeclared radioactive sources.

(c) Focused attention during the visit on the remote-controlled aircraft section and asked questions about the purpose of using remote-controlled aircraft, to which answers were given.

The inspection team completed its task at 11.55 a.m. and arrived back at its headquarters at the Canal Hotel in Baghdad at 12.15 p.m.

2. The UNMOVIC inspection team set out from its headquarters at the Canal Hotel in Baghdad at 8.25 a.m. Consisting of 14 inspectors and headed by Mr. Demetrios Perricos, the team arrived at 9.18 a.m. at the agricultural airfield belonging to the Ministry of Agriculture and located at Khan Bani Saad, east of Baghdad. This airfield was continuously monitored until 15 December 1998 because it housed agricultural pest control aircraft using agricultural insecticide sprayers. It had previously been visited dozens of times by inspection teams of the United Nations Special Commission (UNSCOM) and stickers had been affixed to the sprayers on the aircraft. As in the past, the Food and Agriculture Organization of the United Nations (FAO) continues to assist with a view to maintaining the aerial insecticide-spraying activities of this airfield.

The team entered the site at 9.18 a.m.

On arrival at the site, the inspection team carried out the following activities:

(a) The head of the inspection team asked the site representative of the National Monitoring Directorate about the number of serviceable aircraft and about the types of sprayers used.

(b) The inspection team made a tour including all the buildings, grounds, aircraft hangars and storage facilities.

(c) During the inspection the team focused attention on the sprayers, which it inventoried and photographed. The sprayers had been marked with stickers of the former UNSCOM since 1994.

The inspection team completed its task on the site at 1.20 p.m. and arrived back at its headquarters at the Canal Hotel in Baghdad at 2.20 p.m.

3. A group from the communications team of the Baghdad Ongoing Monitoring, Verification and Inspection Centre (BOMVIC) visited the Rashid airbase to examine antennae and their accessories, as well as the main transmission dish for communication between the building assigned to the inspectors at the Rashid airbase and the Canal Hotel.

4. The Ibn Firnas Company, remote-controlled aircraft and the subject of crop spraying were among the sites and activities listed by the Prime Minister of the United Kingdom, Mr. Tony Blair, and the United States Department of State, in their reports of September 2002, in connection with accusations of prohibited activities relating to weapons of mass destruction.